

Clinton Connection

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- Tue. to Fri., April 14-17
 Spring Clean-Up Week
 Clinton Public Works
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 Spring Craft Program
 J.C. Holliday Library
- Fri. to Sun., April 17-19, 24-26 Prisoner of Second Avenue Sampson Community Theater
- Thursday, April 23
 2015 Juried Art Show
 Sampson Arts Council
- Thursday, May 21
 Spare Change
 Alive After Five Concert Series
 Sampson Arts Council, City of
 Clinton, & Sampson County
- Monday, June 1
 Youth Football, Youth Soccer, &
 Adult Softball Registration Opens
 Clinton Recreation
- Monday, June 15
 Royal Lane Pool Opens
 Clinton Recreation
- Fri. to Sun., June 18-21, 25-28 101 Dalmatians Sampson Community Theater
- Thursday, June 18
 Jim Quick & Coastline
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 Sampson Arts Council, City of
 Clinton, & Sampson County
- Friday, June 19
 Orquesta K'che

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Alive After Five Concert Series Set by Mary Rose, Planning Director

Does the thought of scrumptious food, community fellowship, dancing, and great music sound like a winning combination? If so, you will want to grab a group of friends, bring your favorite lawn chair, and get ready for



one of our community's most anticipated events- Alive After Five Summer Concert Series. "Alive After Five Summer Concerts are family friendly events that are fun and entertaining for all ages. Each concert provides attendees the opportunity to catch up with neighbors and old friends as well as a venue for meeting newcomers to the community," stated Ray Jordan, Alive After Five Committee Chairman. Vendors and exhibitors will be on hand offering attendees food options as well as the opportunity to visit and network with many local businesses that sponsor the concert series

This year's concert series will include music from different genres including beach music, rock, soul, jazz, country, blues, funk, classic rock, boogie, and Latin music. The series will begin on Thursday, May 21, 2015, with Spare Change performing. Jim Quick and Coastline will take the stage on Thursday, June 18, while the unique musical and cultural experience of Orquesta K'che will hit the stage on Friday, June 19. A popular beach band, The Carolina Breakers will sizzle the stage on Thursday, July 16, followed by the party band Soul Play wowing the audience on Thursday, August 13. Finally, back by popular demand, the Band of Oz will conclude the 2015 Alive After Five Summer Concert Series on September 10. The concerts are free and are sure to be fun for the entire family!

Alive After Five 2015 Schedule		
May 21st	Spare Change	
June 18 th	Jim Quick & Coastline	
June 19 th	Orquesta K'che	
July 16 th	The Carolina Breakers	
August 13 th	Soul Play	
September 10 th	Band of Oz	

City Hosts First Father-Daughter Dance by Jonathan Allen, Parks & Recreation Director

On February 21, 2015, the Clinton Recreation & Parks Department hosted the 1st Annual Father-Daughter Dance at the Bellamy Recreation Center. The turnout was spectacular with more than forty people in attendance. The evening was filled with food, dancing, mingling, a father dance-off competition, and memories to last a lifetime. A special thanks to all the staff that helped to make the event a success. Plans are currently underway for next year's dance, and we are seeking suggestions for improvements to make the event an even larger success.



NC-24 Widening Project Drawing Closer by Shawn Purvis, City Manager



NCDOT crews on the bridge just outside the Clinton city limits.

If you have travelled to Fayetteville along NC-24 recently, you have probably noticed the progress that the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has made on the highway expansion project. You probably also noticed how close the construction is to the Clinton city limits. NCDOT expects to begin working on relocation of water and sewer lines and installation of stormwater drainpipe in April. At the same time, they plan to do some work along the freeway ramps and begin the Pierce Street extension. The Pierce Street extension will provide access to the Post Office and Lowes shopping center by connecting Sunset Avenue with Westover Road. NCDOT intends to complete and open the road extension before beginning the widening on NC-24 in the city to help alleviate traffic congestion on Sunset Avenue. Currently, NCDOT estimates the project's completion date to be November 2017. Over the next two years, the city will be communicating regularly with NCDOT in

order to relay relevant information to citizens regarding lane closures, detours, etc. The city intends to provide regular updates on its website and through social media on Facebook and Twitter (@ClintonNCMgr).

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Important Numbers

Linergency	
City Hall	592-1961
Water & Sewer Billing	299-4909
Code Enforcement	299-4904
Sanitation & Streets	299-4905
After-hours Emergency.	592-1151
NIT Tip Line	590-3009

City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at City Hall. Those interested in speaking at meetings should contact the City Clerk at (910) 592-1961.

Missed the City Council Meeting? Watch it on TV or Online!

You can watch City Council meetings every Thursday at 7:00 pm on StarVision GOAC-15. City Council meetings are also available on the City's You Tube channel, Clintonnc1.

Need More Information?

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What do You Think? We'd like to know what you think about the newsletter and how we can improve it...

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NC Main Street Recognizes Downtown Clinton by Mary Rose, Planning Director

At the 2015 NC Main Street Conference on March 20, the Clinton Main Street Program recognized Mrs. Debbie Roberts as its 2014 Main Street Champion. Debbie has been a member of both the Clinton Main Street Program Design Committee and "Christmas in the City" event committee since 2012, and she has volunteered the past two years to help with the Court Square Street Fair and BBO Cook-Off. She has also spent countless hours behind the scenes, including coordinating the decorating of Downtown Clinton vacant storefront windows. When Debbie hears something good happening in Downtown Clinton, one of her favorite phrases is "that gives me goose bumps." Our desire is for all our Downtown activities and Main Street Programs to generate this type of excitement within our volunteers and citizens, the kind that gives them "goose bumps."



117 & 119 Vance Street

Before Facade Improvement

After Façade Improvement



In addition to recognition of our Clinton Main Street Champion, the NC Main Street Program presented Mr. George Wilson with an award of merit for "Best Façade Improvement Project for \$15,000 or Less" for the façade improvement project at 117 Vance Street (left building in picture). The NC Main Street Center staff designed and recommended the façade with a warm copper exterior and taupe trim with a bright red door and black, red, and yellow tile work on the bulkhead. This façade improvement project and the neighboring project at 119 Vance Street completed by Ownership Opportunities, have transformed this section of Vance Street. Both buildings are occupied by two new businesses to Downtown Clinton- Unique Gifts by Jacquelynn at 117 and the Vance Street Market/Simply NC at 119.

Employee Spotlight by Jay Tilley, Police Chief

Sergeant Adrian Mathews was recognized as the 2014 Clinton Police Officer of the Year at the February City Council Meeting. This prestigious award is given to an officer that has excelled in the police department's core principals of integrity, professionalism, respect, and teamwork. Sgt. Mathews, a 7-year veteran of the department, is a member of the Neighborhood Improvement Team assigned to housing. Sgt. Mathews is a mentor to young officers and a valuable asset to the City of Clinton. He has been instrumental in helping decrease crime and improving the quality of life in the city.





Britany Jacobs Locklear, a senior administrative specialist for the Clinton Police Department, was named the 2014 City of Clinton Employee of the Year. Brittany was nominated by her peers and selected by a citizen committee. "I work with great people that I believe go above and beyond every day and for me to be nominated and chosen as Employee of the Year is very humbling," stated Brittany. Brittany began working for the city in 2011, and she has proven to be extremely confident and efficient in all she does, while also assisting others.